

MINUTES
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2018
5:00 P.M.

Chairman Washington called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rossie Washington, Jr., Chairman; Clifford Grout, Vice-Chairman; Andy Allen, Rowdy Gaudet; and April Hawthorne.

Members Absent: Ulysses "Bones" Addison; Donna Collins-Lewis; Jayme Ellender and Todd L. Sterling.

Staff Present: Frank Duke, Planning Director; Ryan Holcomb, Assistant Planning Director; Carrie Broussard, Long Range Planning Manager; Maggie Gleason, Senior Planner; and Collin Lindrew, Intern

Ms. Broussard introduced Mr. Lindrew to the Planning Commission.

FUTUREBR UPDATE

Ms. Broussard described the changes staff has proposed to the public input process for the FUTUREBR Update. She noted the community meetings that had been held throughout the process and shared the comment log with the Planning Commission.

She described the changes made to the Vision, including updating background information and eliminating the summaries of each element in order to streamline the document. Mr. Grout requested that the Sustainability Value be revised to eliminate the reference to youth in order to make the Value more general.

Ms. Broussard told the Planning Commission about the changes made to the Future Land Use Element in response to citizen input. These included revising densities downward in the Residential Neighborhood and Compact Neighborhood Districts, reducing building heights in the Office and Mixed use Districts, reinstituting the Neighborhood Center District and eliminating the Town Center District. She then described the changes made to the Future Land Use Map to reflect the changes made to the text.

Ms. Broussard acknowledged the revised Community Design Element that she had distributed, noting the changes to that element reflected changes to the Character Area Map. She described each of the changes made to the map and explained the basis for the changes.

After this, she described the change made to the Major Street Plan, eliminating Carter Avenue from the plan as requested by citizens. Ms. Broussard indicated that this change had been made in conjunction with the Department of Transportation and Drainage.

Ms. Broussard concluded by acknowledging that there were no changes to the other elements since they had been presented to the Planning Commission earlier.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Duke reminded the Commission that he would be out of the office from October 2nd through 5th at the APA-Louisiana conference in Shreveport.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioners commended Ms. Broussard and her staff for their work on updating FUTUREBR.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.